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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th May 1857.

No. 24. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Rajahmundry, 27th April 1857, No. 153.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a copy of my letter to the Chief Engineer, stating the mode in which I propose carrying into effect the Rule for Departments feeding Convicts supplied to them, it will be seen that I have somewhat relaxed the Jail rules in regard to Convicts so employed, in order that Officers in charge may have it in their power to offer stimulants to exertion and to obtain a full value for the labor assigned. I think this is strictly in accordance with the views entertained by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in regard to the treatment of Convicts in the last period of their term of imprisonment.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Coconadah, 24th April 1857, No. 149.

SIR,

Read Extract Minutes of Conusltation under date the 1st April 1857, No. 385.

Under the instruction of Government, I have the honor to request that in future the cost of feeding Prisoners furnished for employment on the Public Works, may not be debited to the Prisons. The cost of Prisoners sent for change of air will be remitted by the Officer in charge of the Jail from which they are transferred till they are well enough to be of use, but from the 1st of May the only charge to be made on the Prison's Department on account of buildings, or of establishments kept up for the lodgement of Prisoners detached from the Zillah Jail, for the convenience of other Departments, will include only the wages of the extra guard entertained, at the rate of 1 for every 4 Prisoners, or in such proportion as may from time to time be determined.

2. Under this arrangement, Officers in charge of Public Works will not be required to make any other payment for Prisoners in their employ, but Officers in charge of works for which a certain outlay has been specially sanctioned, employing Prisoners, at the Zillah station, will pay for them as already directed by Government.

3. Officers in charge of Jails will be instructed to select for employment on Public Works at a distance, such Prisoners as have undergone a considerable part of their sentence and are least likely to attempt to escape, so that the Jail rules may be to some extent relaxed to meet the convenience of the Officer in charge, who will not be restricted from giving indulgences (at the cost of his own Department) as stimulants to exertion.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 565; dated 14th May 1857.

Referred to the Public Works Department for consideration in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 1st April 1857, No. 385.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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Referred to the Public Works Department for consideration in reference to E. M. C. 1st April 1857 Nº 385.

Fort St George, }
11th May, 1857 }

(Sigd) E. Maltby
Actg Chief Secy

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